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JESUS IS KING

Question: How would the Jews be able to identify the Messiah when He came?

He would be a descendent of Abraham.

- Isaac *not Ishmael*
- Jacob *not Esau*
- Judah *with Tamar*
- Salmon *with Rahab*
- Boaz *with Ruth*

The Messiah, as the son of Abraham, would do something that would be a blessing to the nations!

He would be a descendent of David.

- Solomon *by the wife of Uriah*
- Good Kings: Hezekiah and Josiah

The Messiah, as the son of David, would be a King from the city of Bethlehem!

Matthew 2:3-5 *When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied...*

Main Point: The Jews would have identified the Messiah as a Jew from their Royal ancestry.

Matthew 2:6 *"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."*

The Messiah's family tree would be shady!

- Evil Kings: Manasseh and Jechoniah
- 14 Generations of those after the Exile
- Women: none were Jewish by descent

The Genealogy reminds the readers of the Christmas story that the path to the Messiah was paved with good, evil, famous, unknown, Jewish and non-Jewish men and women with some that were associated with scandalous conceptions.

Matthew 1:20-23 *... "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel..."*

Concluding Thoughts:

Jesus checked off most of the identification boxes of the Messiah by the time He took His first steps!

God not only works through the disreputable, but He seems to delight in doing so because He loves us!